



A Newsletter from the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development

Neighborhood Leadership Institute Graduation



The graduates of the 2011 Neighborhood Leadership Institute and members of the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development staff

Twelve students graduated from the Neighborhood Leadership Institute (NLI) at a graduation ceremony on Tuesday, November 1 in the City Council assembly room. The program featured Mayor Littlefield and City Council members who recognized the graduates for their efforts.

As part of the graduation requirement, students completed a project and a display demonstrating their project. These displays were in City Hall for one week giving the public an opportunity to see positive activities in various neighborhoods. Students were required to attend six out of seven classes, over a 7 month period, designed to hone their leadership skills.

Please join us in congratulating the Neighborhood Leadership Institute class of 2011!

Neighborhood LEADERSHIP Institute

Sheena Benavente – Battery Heights Neighborhood Association
Yanetta Bowman – Shepherd Community Council
Sharon Cannon – Olde Town Neighborhood Association
Nancy Cogar – Brainerd Hills Neighborhood Association
Stephanie Corbin – Bushtown Neighborhood Association
Carol Gilbert – Battery Heights Neighborhood Association
Brenda Hammond – Washington Hills Neighborhood Association
Terry McCullough – Southside Chattanooga Oak Hill Neighborhood Association
Diane Meadows – Glenwood Neighborhood Association
Linda Richards – East Lake Neighborhood Association
Marina Robards – North Brainerd Community Council
ReJeana Williams – Bushtown Neighborhood Association

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There's A Fire Down Here

East Lake Rocks!

by Debbie F. Johnson,
Neighborhood Relations Specialist

Chattanooga Neighborhood Enterprise and Association of Visual Arts partnered to sponsor a video contest open to all Chattanooga neighborhood associations. They wanted to know "Why does your neighborhood rock?" and "Why do you love your neighborhood?" The answers came in excellent videos submitted by six neighborhood associations. Participants had from August 17 to October 1 to submit their videos. A committee judged the video submissions based on creativity, originality, adherence to theme, and

overall quality. The prizes included first place \$5,000, second place \$1,000, third place \$500, fourth place \$250, and fifth place \$100.00 and honorable mention a \$50.00 Wal-Mart gift card.

The winners of the contest were announced October 22, 2011 at the My Neighborhood Rocks Block Party held in the Jefferson Heights Park. The party began at 2:00 p.m. with food, music and numerous activities for young and old. Around 6:30 p.m. everyone in the park gathered to view all of the video entries. The winners were:

- First Place: East Lake Neighborhood Association: "There's a Fire Down Here"
- Second Place: Belvoir Neighborhood Association: "Belvoir Rocks"
- Third Place: Glenwood Neighborhood Association: "Glenwood Rocks"
- Fourth Place: Hill City Neighborhood Association: "We're all Family Around Here"
- Fifth Place: Colonial Shores Neighborhood Association: "Colonial Shores 2-
- Honorable Mention: Hickory Creek Townhome Association: "Hickory Creek Rocks"

Chattanooga Neighborhood Enterprise's Laura Schleifer said, "We were happy to see so many neighbors at the block party, such a great turnout!" "The participants in the contest were great and we at CNE hope to have more events that will bring our neighborhoods together."

Congratulations to all the participants on their awards. As we well know in the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development: Chattanooga's neighborhoods ALL ROCK!



Beverly P. Johnson, Administrator

Administrator's Letter

Congratulations to all of the Neighborhood Leadership Institute graduates. These are present and future neighborhood leaders, and we look forward to working with them to improve all of the communities they represent.

Congratulations also to East Lake Neighborhood Association and all the other winners in the "My Neighborhood Rocks" video contest. If you have not seen them videos already, please take a few minutes to do so at www.mynighborhoodrocks.com. You will see why they were all worthy of an award.

We have been busy as usual in the department. Most recently, we have been completing project approvals for the next round of Neighborhood Partners Program projects, and look forward to seeing the results of those projects that will beautify and strengthen the various communities.

In October, we also upgraded our code enforcement software. It has been challenging, but we are almost there. The new software will enable inspectors to enter case information in the field and make our operation much more efficient.

As we enter the holiday season, the staff extends to each of you a Happy Thanksgiving.

A Letter from the Mayor



Mayor Ron Littlefield

Recently, the City of Chattanooga had the privilege of hosting the Honorable Professor Rolf Schnellecke, Mayor of the City of Wolfsburg, Germany, his wife, Dr. Ilona Schnellecke, and members of the Wolfsburg city government. The purpose of this historic visit was to formally announce and sign the necessary documents to

designate the City of Wolfsburg, Germany, as Chattanooga's newest Sister City.

On Monday, September 26, 2011, amidst a crowd of over two hundred people, Mayor Schnellecke and I signed the historic peace accord making Wolfsburg our sixth Sister City.

Our Sister City relationships are supported by the Chattanooga Chapter of Sister Cities International which is comprised of a group of dedicated volunteers interested in establishing meaningful and lasting global relationships through cultural, educational, institutional, and commercial exchanges.

The concept of a formal Sister City relationship was initiated by former U.S. President, Dwight D. Eisenhower. He believed that the only road to peace in the future rested in the hearts and minds of the people. American cities could



Mayor Ron Littlefield, Mayor Professor Rolf Schnellecke, Don Jackson (President of Manufacturing for Volkswagen), and Manfred Huller (Head of the Department of International Relations and Head of Protocol, City of Wolfsburg)

develop formal partnerships with international cities to exchange information and ideas in order to build friendships and understand cultural differences.

During their time in Chattanooga, our guests enjoyed our community's rich history, Southern hospitality, and cuisine. They visited many of our attractions, including the Incline Railway, Tennessee Aquarium, Point Park, and Ruby Falls. They also had the opportunity to visit Enterprise South and the new Volkswagen manufacturing facility.

Overall, they had a wonderful opportunity to better understand our American culture and our way of life, as well as see firsthand the many similarities between our two countries and cities. It was obvious as from their many compliments and smiles that they thoroughly enjoyed Chattanooga.

The two Mayors and City Council members at the signing of the peace accord designating Chattanooga and Wolfsburg as Sister Cities



Neighborly News from...

Neighborhood Roundtable

by Debbie F. Johnson, Neighborhood Relations Specialist

It's time to begin the federally mandated task of redistricting. Federal law dictates that following the 10 year census, political boundaries must be redrawn to reflect population shifts. Councilman Peter Murphy, Chair of the Legal and Legislative Committee and City Council Management Analyst Randy Burns were on hand to discuss the process for the City of Chattanooga. Councilman Murphy explained that in order to maintain the integrity of the political process, districts must reflect the racial makeup of the areas to allow the opportunity for minority representation in government. Additionally, all areas must be physically contiguous within the boundary lines.

Chattanooga must also follow the 1990 federal court ruling that established the Mayor-City Council form of government which dictates that each district's population must be within ten percent of equal size.

"The challenges are many," said Councilman Murphy, as the council is weighing the population shifts that have occurred since the 2000 census. Some districts, such as District 5 (represented by Councilman Russell Gilbert) have experienced population loss; while others such as District 4 (represented by Councilman Jack Benson) have experienced population growth. It is a challenge to get the population balanced as close as possible and to be mindful of the communities and their individual nuances and needs.

Mr. Burns explained that while it is a tedious task, software technology has made the redrawing process easier

The Next Neighborhood Roundtable

November 9 at 1:00 p.m.
in the Mayor's Conference Room
3rd Floor, City Hall • 101 East 11th Street

and more time efficient. A big plus to this new software is that it allows the work to be watched on big screens for the citizens to see and review in real time.

Councilman Murphy asked the group to provide input to this process. "It is your community and we (City Council members) need to know your thoughts and ideas." There are several ways that the citizens may participate.

- Electronically at redistricting@chattanooga.gov. The email will go to each of the nine city council representatives and staff.
- Telephone: call 643-6665 and leave your input on the voice mail. The input is sent to all council representatives and staff.
- Contact your individual city council representative directly at 757-5196
- Attend the biweekly committee meetings held in the City Council Building located at 1000 Lindsay Street. These meetings begin at approximately 3:15 p.m. during the regular City Council committee sessions on October 25, November 8, November 22.

The next Neighborhood Roundtable is November 9, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. in the Mayor's Conference Room, Third Floor, Chattanooga City Hall.

In Memoriam

Jim King, president of the Murray Hills Neighborhood Association, passed away suddenly Monday, October 17. Those of you who knew Jim will remember that he was always enthusiastic about living in Murray Hills and served as the association president many times. Jim especially enjoyed Halloween and National Night Out celebrations where he never failed to bring his grill and charcoal for his famous hotdogs. Every July 4th holiday, Jim and his family went "all-out" to put an American flag at every mailbox in Murray Hills, a project he took great pride in and looked forward to in spite of the heat of summer and the hills he had to walk and drive.

Mrs. Thelma Faulkner passed away on October 15. A resident of Meadowbrook Heights, she took a very active part serving in the neighborhood watch as Vice President and Secretary. Thelma attended many Neighborhood Roundtable meetings, the annual Neighborhood Conferences and Police Department meetings for Districts 5 and 6. She served on the first Sweet Diversity committee. When Thelma saw that something needed to be done, she quietly went ahead and accomplished the job almost before anyone else even recognized the need. We are all very grateful to Thelma for her leadership by example, her untiring labors for our community and city, and her deep love for all mankind. We, her neighbors, join her two sisters, three daughters, one son, six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren in remembering this remarkable lady.

Neighborly News from...

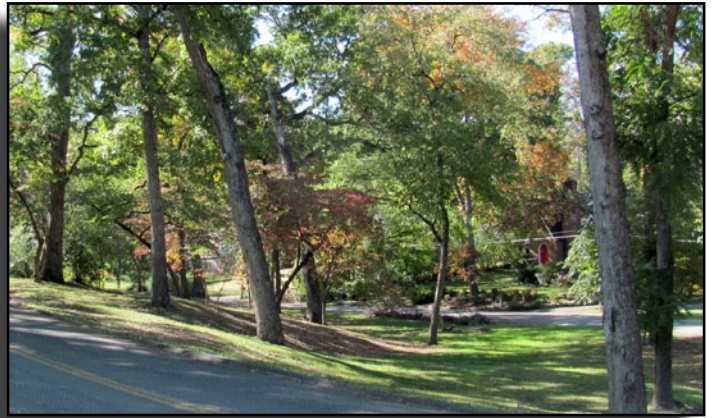
21st Century Neighborhood Association

by Ty Armour, *Neighborhood Relations Specialist*

Driving through the 21st Century neighborhood in Brainerd, bounded by Brainerd Road, Talley Road, Montview Drive and Sequoia Drive, you are surrounded by a park-like atmosphere of beautiful old oaks, hickory, pines, elms and the occasional black gum trees. Some of the houses in the area date back to the early 1900s, each having its own individual character. Other distinguishing features in the neighborhood are the Talley Land Island, a small greenspace deeded to the city circa 1960, and the Clarence T. Jones Observatory, built in the 1930s, which offers stargazing and lectures.

The 21st Century Neighborhood Association was founded in 1999 with the aim of bringing neighbors together to fight crime, litter and allowing people to get to know each other. Through quarterly meetings and a quarterly newsletter, the association reaches many residents, updating them on group yard sales, Sparkle Days and association sponsored get-togethers, as well as area events of interest including the Brainerd Farmers Market, Sweet Diversity and the Library Book Sale. The association also maintains a neighborhood phone tree, created to alert residents about suspicious activities or emergencies.

Low dues of \$10 a year (optional) and the newsletter ad support of Parker's Service Station on Brainerd Road have enabled the association to financially support civic requests such as bike racks for the Chattanooga police and art in the Brainerd Art Park. The association participated in the recent



The Talley Land Island

citywide salute to firefighters on the 10th anniversary of 9/11, picking up and delivering lunches to the crew on duty at the Brainerd Road fire station. An issue of recent interest is the future of the former 21st Century Academy.

The association's greatest asset, however, is the people behind it, which includes the indomitable Mrs. Maggie Smartt, who at 96 has seen more of Chattanooga's history than most ever will. People talk to each other in this neighborhood, know many (if not all) names, and there is a sense of community. The 21st Century Neighborhood Association is proud to link neighbor to neighbor and welcomes any resident who would like to connect or find out more. Contact President Bill Eiselstein at 622-5266 or beiselstein@comcast.net.

Meadow Trace Homeowners Association

by Karen D. Clay,
Neighborhood Relations Specialist



Meadow Trace Homeowners Association is one of several newly formed neighborhood groups in Chattanooga. The neighborhood is located in the Hixson area off Hamill Road and is led by president Cindy Newman.

During the 2010-11 Neighborhood Partners Program (NPP) funding cycle, the association was awarded funding for a beautification project which consisted of the removal of damaged and dying Leyland Cypress and Bradford Pear trees in order to cultivate the area for new landscaping. Now, residents and visitors enjoy the newly cultivated area consisting of Loropetalums and Mary Nell Holly trees. The landscaping has certainly produced a beautiful entrance to the subdivision.

Meadow Trace residents take pride in their neighborhood as evidenced by their efforts to preserve and enhance their property values. Although, the group meets only once a year in June for their general business meeting, they still make time to gather to organize and have fun activities, such as the Annual Meadow Trace Yard Sale.

Congratulations to Meadow Trace Homeowners Association for the completion of your NPP project as well as your efforts to maintain a stable and unified community.

Neighborly News from...

Chattanooga Neighborhood Association Council

This is the time of year when national elections are prevalent throughout America. Candidates crisscross the country to try and win support. Well fortunately, you don't have to deal with party primaries, national conventions, or presidential campaign promises. All you have to do is attend Chattanooga Neighborhood Association Council (CNAC) officers' elections that are scheduled December 10. The election will be held at 10:00 a.m. at the EPB Building downtown. All neighborhood associations in the city are asked to send two representatives to the meeting to nominate and vote for president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and 27 district representatives for the 2012 term.

Other concerned citizens are also invited to attend.

CNAC is an organization that caters to the needs of all neighborhoods across the city of Chattanooga. We act as a unified community voice promoting a better quality of life for all. So plan to come and join us for this special occasion as we try to move Chattanooga forward. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Ken Smith at 704-7451, come to the next CNAC meeting on November 28th at 6:00 p.m. held at 1270 Market Street, or visit our website at www.cnacforyou.com. We look forward to seeing you there, and as the politicians say "Thank you for your vote."

Grateful Gobbler 2 0 1 1

November 24th • 8 a.m.



**12th Annual Walk, Roll & Stroll
Thanksgiving Morning**

The full course is approximately 3 miles,
beginning and ending at
Coolidge Park

Advance Registration before Nov. 16

Individual	-----	\$20.00
Children (18 and under)	-----	\$10.00
Leadership	-----	\$50.00 +

Registration after Nov. 16

Individual	-----	\$25.00
Children (18 and under)	-----	\$10.00
Leadership	-----	\$55.00 +

The "Grateful Gobbler" began in 1998, originally called "Walk the Walk," as part of Homeless Awareness Week.

Thanksgiving Day marks a time to be thankful for the things we have and is also a time to be aware of those who have less.

In November of 2000, ten congregations of different faiths joined the Homeless Coalition of regional service providers in the inaugural Thanksgiving Day Grateful Gobbler Walk. Regardless of religious beliefs and backgrounds, all participants came together, working toward one common goal: helping the neediest people in our community.

With this goal in mind and the tradition of giving on a day recognized as a time of thanks, people from all walks of life walk together and give together.

Giving through Grateful Gobbler is a way to recognize the needs of those around you, proceeds of the walk will develop a fund to meet the needs of people experiencing homelessness.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

- Children 12 years and under are welcome to walk for FREE with a registered adult; however, no shirts are provided for these junior walkers.
- Pre-registered walkers may pick up T-shirts November 23, 2010 at Walker Pavilion in Coolidge Park between 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Late Registration will be open from 6:30 am - 8:00 am Thanksgiving morning; however, T-shirts are not guaranteed for registrants after Nov. 16.
- For more information • www.gratefulgobbler.org or 423.710.1501

Announcements

Education, Arts & Culture

The City of Chattanooga Department of Education, Arts & Culture (EAC) announces a full day of activities on Friday, November 11, 2011 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Auditorium to recognize Chattanooga's veterans and troops.

Following the Veterans Day Ceremony presented by the Chattanooga Area Veterans Council at the Chattanooga National Cemetery at 11am, the 11.11.11. Veterans Day events will kick off at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Auditorium with a FREE Patriotic Concert during the noon hour with refreshments and music featuring the East Tennessee Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Richard Hickam. Also performing will be special guests Mike Key—descendant of American songwriter Francis Scott Key—in a special performance of the “Star Spangled Banner” and award-winning Native American flutist and veteran Mike Serna playing “Taps.”

There will be ongoing 11.11.11. Veterans Day activities from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Auditorium including recognition of veterans and troops, the unveiling of new military history displays and a special art exhibit on loan, as well as an announcement of a new partnership with “The Gratitude Campaign.” More details to be announced soon.

EAC Administrator Missy Crutchfield says, “The cornerstone of Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Auditorium was laid on Veterans Day 1922. Chattanooga's citizens chose to build this venue as a living memorial to honor ‘All who have given some, and some who have given all.’ Join us this November 11, 2011, Veterans Day—a very special opportunity for us to come together as a community once again to honor and show our appreciation for Chattanooga's Veterans and Troops. We say ‘Thank you!’”

ALLOCATIONS WORKSHOP

The City of Chattanooga's Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development invites you to attend the FY-2011-2012 Allocation Workshops for CDBG and HOME Investment Act.

The Workshops will provide information on the application process and procedures, deadline dates for submission of project proposals, and level of funds available under each grant.

The Allocation Workshops will be conducted:

November 10, 2011

At the following times:

ESG.....3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

HOME Investment Act.....4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

CDBG.....5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

CITY HALL

101 EAST 11TH STREET

MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, THIRD FLOOR

CHATTANOOGA, TN 37402

**APPLICATIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE
AT THE WORKSHOPS**

If you have questions or other concerns, please contact the Department of Neighborhood Services and Community Development Staff at City Hall, Second Floor, or by telephone at (423) 757-5133.

11.11.11.

VETERANS DAY It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity
to remember our veterans and active duty military for their service.

Call for Veterans in the City

Do you know someone from your neighborhood association who has served or is currently serving in the U.S. military? Please email their name to turner_m@chattanooga.gov to be included in upcoming 11.11.11. Veterans Day events.

Drivers Education Winter Classes

South Chattanooga Recreation Center

1151 West 40th Street

Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 - 4:45

December 27th – 30th, 2011

Shepherd Recreation Center

Full & Closed

TDOT Traffic Management Center

7500 Volkswagen Drive

4 consecutive Saturdays 9:00 - 4:45

January 7, 14, 21 & 28, 2012

Visit www.chattanooga.gov for the

Winter application form

Classes are filling up quickly! Don't wait too late!

COMMONGROUND

November Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Description
1 Tue	6:00P	Shawnee Hills Neighborhood Association Meeting
	7:00P	Forest Plaza Neighborhood Association Meeting
3 Thu	11:00A	Environmental Court (Neighborhood Services)
	6:00P	Glenwood Neighborhood Watch Meeting
	7:00P	Lookout Valley Neighborhood Association Meeting
4 Fri		Hajj Begins (Islam)
6 Sun		Eid al Adha (Islam)
	4:00P	Northshore Neighborhood Improvement Association Meeting
	7:00P	Shepherd Community Council Meeting
7 Mon	6:00P	Battery Heights Neighborhood Meeting
	6:00P	Wheeler Avenue Neighborhood Watch Meeting
	6:00P	Alton Park Development Corporation Meeting
	6:30P	East Lake Neighborhood Association Meeting
	6:30P	Hill City Neighborhood Association Meeting
	7:00P	Murray Hills Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
	7:00P	Community Association of Historic St. Elmo Meeting
8 Tue	6:00P	Sector 2 Community Policing Interactive Committee (CPIC)
	6:00P	Foxwood Heights Neighborhood Association Meeting
	6:00P	Glass Farms Neighborhood Association Meeting
	6:00P	Indian Hills Neighborhood Association Meeting
	7:00P	Ashwood Homeowners Association Meeting
9 Wed	10:00A	Board of Zoning Appeal Meeting
	1:00P	Neighborhood Roundtable Meeting
10 Thu	11:00A	Environmental Court (Neighborhood Services)
	6:00P	Missionary Ridge Neighborhood Association Board Meeting
	6:30P	Clifton Hills Neighborhood Improvement Committee Meeting
	6:30P	Sector 3 Community Police Interaction Committee (CPIC) - George & Delta Zone

Date	Time	Description
	6:30P	Belvoir Neighborhood Association Meeting
	7:00P	Cedar Hill Improvement League Meeting
	7:00P	Martin Luther King Neighborhood Association Meeting
14 Mon	1:00P	Regional Planning Agency Meeting
	7:00P	Fairfax-Bagwell Neighborhood Association Meeting
15 Tue	6:00P	Orchard Knob Neighborhood Association Meeting
	6:00P	East Lake Neighborhood Crime Watch Meeting
	6:00P	Hickory Creek Townhomes Association Meeting
17 Thu	11:00A	Environmental Court (Neighborhood Services)
	6:00P	Menlo Neighborhood Association Meeting
	6:00P	Brainerd Park North Neighborhood Association Meeting
	6:00P	South Chattanooga Oak Hill Neighborhood Association Meeting
	6:00P	Glenwood Neighborhood Association Meeting
	6:30P	Highland Park Board Meeting
	6:30P	Olde Town Brainerd Neighborhood Association Meeting
	7:00P	Highland Park Neighborhood Association Meeting
	7:00P	Lake Chickamauga Neighborhood Association Meeting
21 Mon	6:00P	Avondale Neighborhood Association Meeting
	6:00P	North Brainerd Neighborhood Association Meeting
	6:00P	Washington Hills Neighborhood Association Meeting
	6:00P	Alton Park Development Corporation
	7:00P	East Lake Community Council Meeting
22 Tue	4:00P	Community Anti-Drug Coalition Across Hamilton County
23 Wed	11:30A	Court Watch Partners
24 Thu		Thanksgiving (City Hall Closed)
25 Fri		City Hall Closed
28 Mon	6:00P	Chattanooga Neighborhood Association Council Meeting
	7:00P	Oak Grove Neighborhood Association Meeting

City-Wide Services

Brush On Demand

Chattanooga residents should call 3-1-1 for brush pick-up. They may also go on-line at www.chattanooga.gov, email multiple addresses to 311@chattanooga.gov with the exact address where brush is located or call 3-1-1 with up to three collection locations per call.

Recycling

Citizens must register to join biweekly curbside recycling collection at www.recycleright.org or by calling 643-JOIN.

Systematic Codes Inspections

Code enforcement inspectors will be inspecting each parcel in the following neighborhoods for City Code violations including litter, overgrowth, abandoned vehicles and housing code violations:

Week of November 7, 2011

Pin Oak District 9